

RACETRACK OWNERS WILL CONFER TO-DAY

EIGHT IN VERSATILE FENCING.
Some From Italy, Some Quakers
Strenuous Session Results.

Eight fencers went through a strenuous campaign last night in the New York City Armory, with the idea of working out who is entitled to the title of champion with three weapons—foils, dueling swords and sabres. The discussions and arguments of the judges over the points scored were so long drawn out that at midnight the contestants had barely commenced the final round.

In the final bouts McLaughlin was successful in six, which assured him first place. The others won their places at the second and third places at an early hour this morning.

In a fruitless effort to end the competition the entrants were divided into two strips—Boston and Philadelphia semi-representatives, the complete list following:

P. W. Allen, Boston; A. Stuhlfeldt, Pitt, Fencers Club; H. Parker, New York Fencers Club; A. Straus, New York Turn Verein; E. Goodfellow, Philadelphia Fencers Club; New York, J. A. McLaughlin, New York A. C.; George Reinhart, Jr., New York Turn Verein.

Two men were to qualify in each strip, and in No. 1 the matter was simplified by Pitt and Parker, each winning five bouts and being declared co-champions. The remainder of the New York Turn Verein only lost one bout, and qualified for the final with flying colors. There was a tie for the other place between J. A. McLaughlin, New York A. C., and E. Goodfellow, Philadelphia Fencers Club.

In the fencing-off the New Yorker proved too clever for the Quaker with foils and dueling swords and qualified for the final with Pitt, Parker and Reinhart.

As Schuyler L. Parsons, president of the Coney Island Jockey Club, has gone to Europe, the Sheepshead Bay track probably will be represented by another, and it is not expected that Brighton Beach will send a delegate to the conference. When the racing associations decided several weeks ago to consider the prospects for reopening their gates, the prospects for reopening the gates as a result of the Appaloosa Division ruling in the state-wide betting case, when no definite action was deferred because of the absence of James Butler and R. T. Wilson, it was learned, however, that the associations agreed to pool issues there might be short meetings at Belmont Park, Saratoga and two other race courses.

Mr. Wilson arrived here from the South last week and Mr. Butler reached town yesterday from Juarez, Mexico, where he enjoyed racing for several weeks. When asked if he had made plans for a reactivation of the sport at Empire City this summer Mr. Butler replied that he was not in touch with the situation here and therefore was not in a position to discuss matters. He said that he had read newspaper reports concerning the progress of the Shreve case and the intention of some of the racing promoters to talk over plans for the future, but that he had not had an opportunity to talk over the outlook with anybody identified with the sport in this State. Mr. Butler, who is a stockholder in the Juarez track, spoke enthusiastically of the meeting there.

The racing at Juarez has been of a high order of excellence, he said, and much of the credit belongs to Col. Matt Winn, who has built up a splendid structure.

The meeting this winter is one of the best in point of quality ever conducted outside of this State. It was supposed to find El Paso prospering as never before. Racing across the Rio Grande has brought thousands of dollars into El Paso, which now has a new business building.

The citizens of El Paso asked Col. Winn to extend the meeting until March 22, which was granted. The horsemen have fared well in capturing stakes and purses and the attendance daily has beaten former records.

The troubles in Mexico haven't interfered with the Juarez track at all, and racing continues to flourish under Mexican Government no matter who happens to be in power. The mutual machines which were used last winter have been gone away with and speculation is handled exclusively by bookmakers. The stews have controlled the sport in such a manner that evildoers have given Juarez a wide berth. The horses have run very close in public form, the jockeys have refrained from rough riding and everybody, in fact, identified with the meeting has worked hard to make it a big success.

As I said before Col. Winn is the man who has brought about such satisfactory results. He has worked day and night to keep things going smoothly and is now enjoying universal praise. He came East with his son, James, and Kenneth, who will attend to certain details relating to the spring meeting at Churchill Downs. I firmly believe in horse racing and breeding and I see no harm in private betting here if it is properly regulated.

Opposition to racing at times is based upon misunderstanding. The sport developed into a great industry in which thousands of persons were deeply interested and laws were passed that controlled the racing associations in this state to close.

I cannot say what will be the policy of the Empire City Racing Association under present conditions. I am seeking information. I must consult with various interests before I can say a word for or against.

As said already in The Sun, it seems to be foreign conclusion that Belmont Park and Saratoga will race. The fact that the Shreve case has been carried to the Court of Appeals will not interfere with these meetings, it is said. Several days ago it was rumored that neither of the Dwyer tracks, Aqueduct and Gravesend, would be opened and certain well informed racing men said that the facts would become known today but from another reliable source it was learned that Mr. Dwyer is on the fence.

If Belmont Park opens the horses will run only three days a week, beginning early in June. The Saratoga meeting on the other hand, will practically monopolize all the week days in August. It is reported that before he left for Emporia, Kansas, the man of the Cayuga Island horse Club assured the other racing associations of the financial support of the Sheepshead Bay course.

By the way, it is hinted that James Milton will handle the barrier at Saratoga and possibly Belmont Park instead of Max Cassidy.

POLY ELEVEN TO VISIT CORNELL.

The Poly Prep football manager has arranged one of the best trips for next year's team that the team has ever had. It will travel to Ithaca on October 18 and play the freshman team of Cornell.

JUAREZ RACING RESULTS.

First Race, Purse \$250, maiden two-year-olds, four-year-olds and upward. Second Race, Purse \$100, 1-year-olds, 2-year-olds, 3 to 5, 6 to 8, 9 to 10, 11 to 12, 13 to 14, 15 to 16, 17 to 18, 19 to 20, 21 to 22, 23 to 24, 25 to 26, 27 to 28, 29 to 30, 31 to 32, 33 to 34, 35 to 36, 37 to 38, 39 to 40, 41 to 42, 43 to 44, 45 to 46, 47 to 48, 49 to 50, 51 to 52, 53 to 54, 55 to 56, 57 to 58, 59 to 60, 61 to 62, 63 to 64, 65 to 66, 67 to 68, 69 to 70, 71 to 72, 73 to 74, 75 to 76, 77 to 78, 79 to 80, 81 to 82, 83 to 84, 85 to 86, 87 to 88, 89 to 90, 91 to 92, 93 to 94, 95 to 96, 97 to 98, 99 to 100, 101 to 102, 103 to 104, 105 to 106, 107 to 108, 109 to 110, 111 to 112, 113 to 114, 115 to 116, 117 to 118, 119 to 120, 121 to 122, 123 to 124, 125 to 126, 127 to 128, 129 to 130, 131 to 132, 133 to 134, 135 to 136, 137 to 138, 139 to 140, 141 to 142, 143 to 144, 145 to 146, 147 to 148, 149 to 150, 151 to 152, 153 to 154, 155 to 156, 157 to 158, 159 to 160, 161 to 162, 163 to 164, 165 to 166, 167 to 168, 169 to 170, 171 to 172, 173 to 174, 175 to 176, 177 to 178, 179 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